grass was moved over a clean surface 100 times while pressing the sample to the surface with a pressure of 4 pounds per square inch, in which a "rubbing stroke" consisted of a traverse, back and forth, of a 4 inch track. Surfaces tested included white typewriter paper, regular white bond paper and a smooth untreated pine board. Samples were tested dry, moist with water and oily with lanolin and 5 stroke tests were also performed on human skin with no color transfer being observed in any tests. Numerous samples were tested with the color fastness and resistance to flammability being consistent in all of the samples tested.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. The process of making decorative grass consisting of the steps of passing flexible, thin, extruded, thermoplastic film strips through a slow speed godet, passing the strips through an oven, passing the strips through a high speed godet having a linear speed approximately 5 times the linear speed of the slow speed godet to stretch the heated strips and reduce their width approximately 2.5 times from about 125 mils to about 50 mils and reduce the thickness approximately 3.5 times from about 3.5 mils to about 1 mil, and chopping the stretched strips into predetermined lengths approximately 2 inches to 12 inches with the stretched cut-off strips having random longitudinal and transverse curls, and conveying the cut-off strips to an area for subsequent use as a lightweight cohesive mass of decorative grass.

2. The process as defined in claim **1** including the steps of extruding a plastic resin with colorant, flame retardant and anti-static agents blended therein into a plurality of plastic strips, and cooling the plastic strips for passage into the slow speed godet.

3. The process as defined in claim **1** including the steps of extruding a plastic resin with colorant, flame retardant and anti-static agents blended therein into a film of plastic material, cooling the plastic film, and slitting the film into a plurality of strips for passage into the slow speed godet.

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